

HONORING SERGEANT ANTHONY  
BELL

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated veteran, Sergeant Anthony Bell.

Sgt. Bell served in the U.S. Army for more than two decades, including 3 years with the Third Brigade 101st Airborne, more famously known as the Screaming Eagles. Around

2010, Sgt. Bell served a tour in Afghanistan and started to ponder what his post-active-duty life would be like. His upbringing and exposure to diverse cultures during his military life brought him full circle. Although Sgt. Bell had a great job offer when he left the military, as a GS-13, he wanted to pay it forward by helping a failing education system.

With this mindset, Sgt. Bell built a high school military education program in Columbus, GA, then later became the military instructor on the campus at the University of Mississippi. More recently, Sgt. Bell has been serving in a similar capacity in Sunflower County for the past 4 years. His classroom in-

struction serves as both a complement and enhancement to the traditional curriculum. Part of taking the military instruction elective also delves into a student's physical readiness.

Sgt. Bell's last point of emphasis among his students is to change the perception about what the military is. When students first enter the class the typical concept about the military revolves around going to war. But this instructor's life path has shown that the military is a great career starter.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sgt. Anthony Bell for his passion for leadership and service to the United States of America.